

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

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HARVEST PROSPECTS: SEASON 1924-25.

The Government Statist has obtained general reports from the Police covering all the wheat areas of the State.

From these it appears that the area under crop for the coming season will not exceed that of last year when the acreage

sown for all purposes with Wheat, Barley and Oats was 3,429,556 acres. This area was distributed as follows:- Wheat 2,814,027 acres (2,418,415 acres reaped); Barley 194,831 acres (130,000 for coverage wine and 7d. (10d.) for distillation); Oats 420,698 acres.

There were 84 Wine-makers, 74 making 1,000 gallons and over. In the previous season the acreage sown was restricted by heavy rains during the seeding period. This year extra dry weather interfered with seeding. The actual acreage sown is now reaching the Office and will be tabulated at an early date when it is hoped the earlier reports may be proved to be underestimated.

of wine were made for distillation purposes - brandy and rectifying spirits. With the splendid rains in August the prospects would

appear to be now favourable for a fair yield. of grapes were used yielding an average of 157.32 (157.20) gallons of wine per ton.

The Upper North and Western Divisions will not, however, benefit by these rains to any great extent but the other Divisions will substantially benefit. Consequently with a low yield in the Western Division and only a fair one in the Upper North, a high average for the State cannot be realised.

The mean wheat yield per acre for the State for the previous five seasons was 12 bushels. Even with a continuance of favorable weather conditions, it is not expected that this average could be exceeded. An average of 11 bushels would yield about 28,000,000 bushels.

Vintage	Grapes used.	Wine Made Total	Aver.	Estimated Value.	Stocks 30th June
3rd September, 1924.	40,129	6,370,820	156	864,413	7,563,000
	55,047	8,433,275	157	860,525	9,197,953
			157	802,200	11,275,813

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